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roads there are a number of second-class roads which are maintained partly from district board and partly from Government funds.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“With reference to the statement published on page 299 in the appendix to the answer to this question, will the Government explain why South Kanara should have only one trunk road while Malabar has got five trunk roads?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“That depends on the traffic of the district.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“Does the hon. Minister mean that traffic in South Kanara is so little that it deserves only one trunk road while you have in the adjoining district of Malabar five roads?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“I cannot help it. One trunk road serves the traffic in South Kanara what five roads serve in Malabar.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“What does he mean by saying ‘I cannot help it’? Is it that Government cannot help it?”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“The hon. Minister can only speak for the Government.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“Should not Government help themselves to help us (laughter) in providing us with the necessary number of trunk roads?”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“But there is no traffic.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“I said that there was greater traffic in Malabar, and therefore there were more trunk roads there.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“Let Malabar have five. According to our representation South Kanara deserved three roads, at least two. Have Government considered this proposal? Are they going to refer it to any committee?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“The authorities will consider the suggestion.”

Education.

Staging of dramas in boys' and girls' schools.

* 2376 • Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether dramas are included in the curricula of studies in boys' and girls' schools and whether they are actually enacted in such schools; and
 (b) whether this is intended for the purpose of physical training or for any other reason?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—“May I know whether the boys and girls are allowed to enact dramas according to their own choice which will tell upon their morality and character (laughter)?”

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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“That is asking for opinion.”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“I only ask whether the ‘educational authorities allow boys and girls to enact any kind of dramas.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“Is it the information of the hon. Member that they are allowed to enact dramas ?”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“With a view to collect funds, or for *tamash*, or for some reasons of their own which I cannot say, the boys and girls enact dramas. I want to know whether they are allowed to do like that, and whether the Government or the educational authorities do not take any notice of it or merely allow them to have their own choice.”

Fisheries.

Alleged migration of fishes from the West Coast.

* 2377 Q.—Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the two most industrially important fishes—sardine and mackerel—have been migrating from the West Coast during the last two years;

(b) whether he has any scheme under preparation (1) to find out the causes of migration of the above fishes, (2) to locate the feeding and breeding places of these fishes; and

(c) whether he proposes by any means to relieve the fisherfolk of the West Coast from the famine and distress caused by the migration of the above fishes and, if so, to place on the table of this House copies of such proposals or schemes?

A.—(a) Large shoals of sardines and mackerel appear at irregular intervals on the West Coast. Mackerel was abundant in 1925 though scarce in the year previous. Sardine has been scarce during the last two years.

(b) (1) & (2) Yes.

(c) The Government are keeping a close watch on the situation which is at present not so serious as to justify their intervention.

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—“May I just ask the hon. the Minister for Development to tell me what his schemes are under (1) and (2) of clause (b) of this question ?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“An officer will soon be deputed to go and find out these things. As soon as his report is received we will do the needful.”

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—“May I just ask the hon. the Minister for Development whether he is aware that the hon. the Finance Member in answering a certain question of mine clearly indicated that the trawler intended for deep-sea fishing cannot be utilized for these purposes ?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“When it is not engaged in deep-sea fishing, it can be used for other purposes.”